(b) whether they have issued any notification to this effect;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the nature of objections received by the Government in this regard and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The following agencies are administering the conversion of leasehold properties into freehold in Delhi :

(i) Delhi Development Authority.

(ii) Land and Development Office.

(iii) Rehabilitation Wing of Ministry of Home Affairs.

(iv) Land and Building Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(v) Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

(b) and (c). Notifications have been issued by the concerned agencies and the same are based on the scheme launched by the Government. The detailed salient features of the notifications are given in the attached Statement.

(d) Objections and suggestions received for modifications in the scheme have been considered by the Government from time to time and modifications, wherever considered necessary, have been issued.

STATEMENT

The Salient Features of the Orders Relating to Conversion are as under

(i) Conversion is available to lease which are residential and where land-use in the master plan is residential.

(ii) The Scheme applies to built up plots upto 500 Sq. Mtrs. and below with variation of 1%, flats and tenaments allotted by DDA, tenaments allotted by Department of Rehabilitation, L and DO and flats constructed by Cooperative Group Housing Societies on lands leased by DDA.

(iii) Free conversion is available upto plot size of 50 Sq. Mtrs. and ready built flats/tenaments having plinth area upto 300 Sq. Mtrs. One time conversion charge is payable, in the case of plots this is according to formula linked to notified land rates applicable on 01.04.1987. In the case of flats this is depending upon the category of flat and zone in which the flat is situated.

(iv) In accordance with the latest instructions remission in conversion fee, on the originally notified rates based on land rates effective from 1.4.1987, to the extent of 50% in the case of original lessees in rehabilitation colonies where first sale is exempted from payment of unearned increase and lessees are required to pay nominal ground rent of Re 1/- are available. Similarly, in the case of other leassees remission in conversion fee by 25% in respect of built up plots and 33-1/3% in the case ready built flats is available.

(v) The scheme is optional and applicants have the option either to continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of the lease or to opt for conversion.

(vi) Applicants are required to file an affidavit that there is no unauthorised construction.

(vii) In cases where portion of the house is used for other than residential purpose additional conversion charges is payable which would be three time the normal conversion charges in proportion to the area put to other than residential use. Such area should not exceed 25% of the total floor space of 500 Sq. Mtrs. whichever is less.

(viii) Conversion is also allowed in cases where property, transfer has taken place on general power of attorney, provided applicant has proper power of attorney from the lessees to alienate the property and the applicant is in possession of the property. In such cases surcharge of 33-1/3% on conversion charges is payable in addition.

(ix) In cases of fresh allotment of flats, allotment is available on freehold basis and in cases of plots on leasehold basis and conversion of property to freehold once the plot is constructed upon a completion certificate or 'D' Form is obtained from the local body.

(x) The conversion charges can be paid in instalment for a period spread over five years with interest of 12% p.a. In cases where applicant chooses to pay the conversion charges in instalment, during the intervening period the applicant is required to pay nominal ground rent of Re. 1/- instead of payment of Normal ground rent.

ONGC

*99. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether ONGC has introduced a Superannuation Benefit Scheme for executive cadres from Ist April, 1990;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making it applicable for non-executive cadres;

(c) the number of employees of non-executive cadre have retired w.e.f. 01.4.1990 to this date in each region; and

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce such a scheme for non-executive cadres also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). The scheme for the non-executive cadres is being introduced w.e.f. November, 1995 as the recognised unions did not agree to the scheme earlier.

(c)	CRBC	ERBC	MRBC	NRBC	SRBC	WRBC	HQRS (including Delhi)	Total
	96	386	34	20	98	1,107	261	2,002

ONGC

*100. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the profit of the ONGC have been falling during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the ONGC now propose to enter into a contract with an American consultancy firm for its retransformation;

(d) if so, the reasons for entering into contract with American firm;

(e) the terms and conditions laid down for the contracts; and

(f) whether the ONGC propose to disinvest/adopt its own policy to make it profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). During the period 1993-94 to 1995-96, there was a dip in profits of ONGC during 1994-95 due to higher depreciation charges on account of commissioning of major projects and due to exchange loss on external commercial borrowings.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. ONGC has placed Letter of ıtent on M/s. Mckinsey and Co., New York, a leading ıternational management consultant, for carrying out ıork relating to its organisational transformation.

(e) The detailed terms and conditions of the contract ıave not been finalised.

(f) ONGC is already a profitable organisation and vill strive to further improve its profitability.

Agricultural Science Centres

784. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission has received any proposal from the Agriculture Ministry regarding closing of some Agricultural Science Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof place-wise;

(c) the decision taken by the Central Goverment in this regard;

(d) the effective steps taken by the Central Government to provide financial aid to these centres and save them from closure; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Planning Commission has not received any proposal from the Agriculture Ministry regarding closing of some agricultural Science Centres (Krishi Vigyan Kendras) - (KVKs) in the country.

(c) to (e). As per existing pattern of assistance for Agricultural Science Centres (Krishi Vigyan Kendras), Government of India provides 100% financial assistance to all KVKs for a period of first five years and 75% for the next five years. Thereafter the host institutions have to manage their own financial resources for running the KVKs. It has also been decided in 1994 that KVKs which are to be set up beyond 261 number will get 100% assistance from the Government of India through ICAR for the first five years and 60% for the next five years. Thereafter the host institutions are required to manage KVKs from their own resources. In order to avoid hardship to any KVK, recently it has been decided that till a final decision is taken with regard to implementation of this scheme in the Ninth Five Year Plan, all KVKs will continue to get funding on the existing basis.

Infrastructural Facilities

785. SHRI K.P. NAIDU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken for the development of